

Congressman Childers Holds AARP Health Care Roundtable, Discusses Upcoming Reform Legislation with Patients in Tupelo

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Washington, DC - Today, Congressman Travis Childers (D-MS) hosted a roundtable with local AARP members in Tupelo to discuss their questions and concerns surrounding upcoming health care reform legislation. The roundtable concluded the Congressman's weeklong health care tour throughout the First District.

"During today's tough times, many senior citizens in North Mississippi are struggling to afford quality health care. It's simply wrong that individuals who have worked hard all their life are unable to obtain the care they need. We cannot keep going at this rate," said Congressman Childers. "I am pleased to have the opportunity to listen to AARP members in the First District about their preferences, questions, and concerns surrounding upcoming health care reform legislation. I look forward to taking what North Mississippi senior citizens have to say back to Washington to ensure that their interests are protected during this important debate."

Earlier this week, the Congressman met with providers at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Oxford, Columbus, and Southaven, as well North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo.

As a member of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Coalition and Blue Dog Health Care Task Force, Congressman Childers recently announced his support of bipartisan health care reform principles that will reduce costs by first looking for savings within our current system, preserve choice, and ensure quality, affordable care for all Americans.

A pro-gun, pro-life Mississippian, Congressman Travis Childers (D-MS) represents the First

Congressional District in North Mississippi. He is a member of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Coalition and serves on the House Agriculture and Financial Services Committee. Congressman Childers co-chairs the reestablished bipartisan Congressional Rural Caucus and was appointed to the bipartisan Second Amendment Task Force. For more information, visit <http://www.childers.house.gov/>

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